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B. I. WELCOMES HOUSE STAFF

The modern hospital, while still conscious that its primary purpose is the care of the sick and injured, is also an educational and research institution. In carrying out these two important functions, the hospital discharges its obligation to the community to provide educational opportunities for the medical school graduate. However, in order to accept interns and residents for training, the hospital must first be approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association. To qualify for this approval, the visiting physicians and surgeons of the medical staff must attain certain specified high standards of professional ability and ethics, since it is under their direction and supervision that the young interns and residents will receive their instruction and experience. The Beth Israel Hospital has been approved for intern and resident training since its inception.

On July 1st we welcomed to our hospital family the incoming group of interns and residents. We are conscious of our obligation to provide them with the necessary clinical and laboratory facilities so that they will acquire a high degree of proficiency in their chosen field. By precept and example our medical staff will impart to them not only the knowledge which is theirs but also the significant attitude toward the patient which has always characterized this hospital---the patient not as a case, not as a number or diagnosis, but as a human entity.

APPRECIATION OF LOYALTY

Examples of loyalty and devotion can be presented from many hospitals. It is fitting, however, to call particular attention to the unusual good fortune enjoyed by the Beth Israel Hospital in having so large a number of its employees with a record of long standing service. These may be found not only among our department heads, but also among the workers throughout the hospital. This faithful group provides a strong nucleus to maintain the standards and ideals of our institution. As a matter of record, we find a substantial number of our employees have been with us since the doors were opened to the public twenty years ago. Another group has been with us for more than fifteen years and yet another for more than a decade. This is indeed a magnificent record of faithfulness and devotion. Without the tireless efforts of this group of employees, supplemented by our volunteers, we would have been unable to meet the challenge created by an overcrowded institution. The hospital can never repay in full its deep debt of gratitude to these people. In appreciation of this, the hospital has added to its personnel policies a longer vacation period for employees with over ten years' service. It is the hope of the Board and of the Administration that this policy will serve as a symbol of the regard and thanks of all of us in the hospital to those who for many years have given such devoted service.

Charles F. Wilinsky, M.D.

"M" DAY HITS BETH ISRAEL

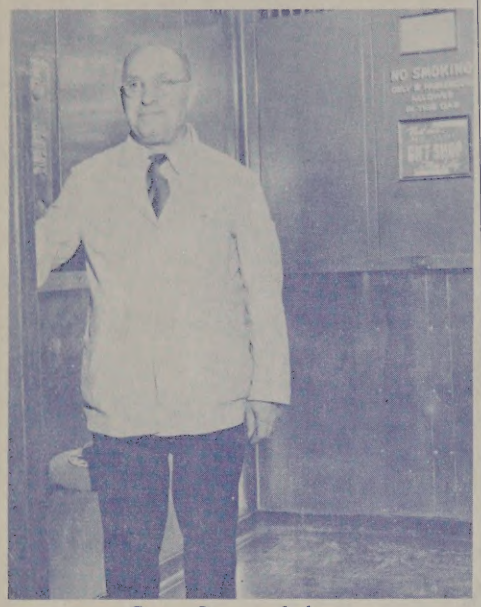
Information, please! Well, it's on the first floor now, as a result of a series of moves necessitated by the closing of the main entrance and lobby. Columns must be placed in this area to support the additional floors above. It remained for the administration, with the fine cooperation of all involved, to bring about the change with a minimum of confusion and disruption of service.

The auditorium entrance is the new main entrance, with Information displacing Personnel just down the hall. The Women's Auxiliary yielded to Personnel, but was rewarded with a fine spot on 3A, which had previously been cleared of patients. Miss Cohen and her Social Service staff are also delighted to be together on 3A, after nearly 20 years of dispersion through the hospital.

The Admitting Office moved across the lobby into the main Social Service Office. The assistant administration crew followed them down the hall into a room between the Record Room and the School of Nursing. The Gift Shop left the lobby for the first floor, and is next to the auditorium.

The Purchasing Department has moved down the hall into the intern's quarters. The Accounting Department in turn has enlarged its space by taking over the former Purchasing Office.

When the noise of construction muffles the operator's voice, remember the gallant switchboard crew, who are remaining at their battle stations in the midst of Beth Israel's growing pains.



Ben Granofsky

This familiar smile belongs to one of our most faithful elevator operators, Ben Granofsky of 12 Spevak Terrace, Malden. Ben has not been with us as long as some of our other employees, but since he joined us in December, 1944, he has built up a host of friends who appreciate his courteous manners and cheerful words. To the many doctors, nurses, and visitors who ride with him daily, Ben is a true member of the B.I. family.

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THE RECORD SHOWS

A surprise birthday party was given by the Pathology Department for their Chief, *Dr. Monroe J. Schlesinger*. The affair was engineered by the *Misses Frances Cohen* and *Margaret O'Keefe*, Tissue Lab Technicians. Visiting guests included *Dr. F. Horneff* of Philadelphia and *Dr. William Ober*, recently of Boston and now of Bethesda, Maryland. *Dr. Morris Katz* poured and *Dr. Martin Schultz* defrosted the ice cream cake. Dr. Schlesinger's comment: 'If they think those six candles on the cake make me feel any younger, they're crazy'. Next year the plans call for five candles.

The School of Dietetics now has its own dietitians residence located at 197 Longwood Avenue, Boston. Those in the new class of dietetic interns who will be first to reside in the new house are *Geraldine Cohen*, University of Minnesota; *Dorothy Coparan*, University of New Hampshire; *Olive Hayes*, Acadia University; *Edith Jaffe*, University of Massachusetts; *Mary Lehman*, Texas State College for Women; *Cornelia Morris*, Tuskegee Institute; *Louise Pothier*, Regis College; *Gilda Rodriguez*, Hood College; *Kathryn F. Ross*, Ohio State University; *Adele Super*, Clarke College.

Graduation dinner for our dietetic interns is planned for September 1 at Toll House. At this time they will be presented diplomas and pins denoting their acceptance as active members in the A.D.A.

Marion McManus left the Operating Room on July 10 to welcome an addition to the family. The proud father is *William McManus* of the Maintenance Department.

Numerous engagements include: *Harriet Strauss* (Path Lab) and *Robert Zeitzick, Leah Leventhal* (OPD) and *Nat Seltzer, Louise Miller* (OPD) and *Summer Berlin, Harriet Glashow* (Tumor Clinic) and *Robert Singer, Ina Burnes* (Social Service) and *Herbert Broida.*

The Dietary Department now has available the fifth edition of their Diet Manual. The manual is planned for the use of dietitians, physicians, medical students and student nurses. The diets are planned as modification of the normal to be adjusted to the individual patient's needs.

"THERE'S BILLINGS SHOWING OFF AGAIN"

CONSTRUCTION PROCEEDS

The Nathan Yamins Laboratory has now reached its full height and work on the interior has started.

The structural steel skeleton of our new service building is complete and the main building is growing rapidly.

In an effort to provide additional storage space 'Operation Shanty' has erected a temporary storehouse in the rear of the present building.

Charles G. Mixter

Dr. Charles G. Mixter, our Surgeon-in-Chief for seventeen years, retired to Emeritus status on June 30, 1948.

By adherence to scientific methods insistent on the best standards of surgical practice, including integrity in human relations and professional performance, and by nuturing and rewarding younger men of ability devoted to the progress of surgical science, Dr. Mixter developed a surgical department worthy of a great medical center.

Dr. Mixter received his B.S. degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1902 and his M.D. from Harvard four years later. He served with distinction with the American Expeditionary Forces.

From 1907 to 1911, Dr. Mixter was affiliated with the Massachusetts General Hospital and from 1930 with the Children's Hospital. He is a member of the Founders' Group of the American Board of Surgery and also holds membership in many local, state, and national surgical associations.

We of Beth Israel extend our congratulations on an outstanding record of achievement.

Jacob Fine

Dr. Jacob Fine, newly appointed Surgeon-in-Chief, continues the precedent of the highest in service and ability set by the retiring Dr. Mixter. Graduated from Harvard Medical School cum laude in 1924, he spent a short period as a general practitioner on Nantucket Island.

Dr. Fine joined Beth Israel's staff in 1929, from which date his energies have been directed toward assisting in the development of the surgical service, research, and teaching activities to the high position they occupy today. Under his direction since 1935, the surgical research department has conducted significant work on intestinal obstruction, cancer research and surgical shock. His appointment as Professor of Surgery at Harvard, and his election to the Boston Surgical Society and American Surgical Association attest to the high regard in which he is held by his colleagues.

A man of such proven professional abilities, wide civic cultural activities, and warm human regard augurs well for continued growth of Beth Israel's Surgical Departments.

SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS

Miss Ethel Cohen, Director of the Social Service Department, is attending the First International Poliomyelitis Conference during the week of July 12 at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria, New York. She will participate in a panel discussion of a paper by Dr. Joseph Barr, Clinical Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, Harvard Medical School, on 'The Management of Poliomyelitis; the Late Stage'.

For the first time in the field of medical social work, an internship is being initiated this year. The South Carolina State Health Department has requested the Beth Israel Hospital Social Service Department to undertake the project, and is providing the educational stipend for Miss Roberta Peay, a graduate of the New York School of Social Work. Miss Peay will be with us for a year.

DOCTORS' ORDERS

Dr. Henry S. Finkel, Associate Visiting Gynecologist, was appointed Chief of the Medical Staff at the Booth Memorial Hospital in May, 1948.

At the recent Massachusetts Public Health Conference in Amherst, *Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky*, President of the Association, presided. *Dr. Mark F. Lesses* presented a paper entitled "Laboratory Aspects of Hospital Blood Bank Operation".

Deaconess and B. I. joined forces recently when *Dr. Theodore Sack* married *Miss Bonnibel Beard*, one of our neighbor's employees. We wish them the best of luck.

Dr. and *Mrs. Howard Frank* became the proud parents of a daughter, *Anne Frank*, on May 16, 1948.

THE CLASS OF 1948

Left to right--front row: Rita Hander, Rita Goodman, Leah Koppelman, Anna Sullaway, Corinne Sater, Marion Carey, Edith Levine, Beatrice LeMay, Beatrice Pomerantz, Helen Kapp.

Second row: Esther Wilensky, Mae Harrison, Seena Wallace, Sybil Dashoff, Shirley Hyman, Charlotte Rubenstein, Arlene Zack, Phyllis M Marcus, Esther Bernstein, Jean Kline, Betty Katz, Ruth Krute.

Back row: Doris Issakson, Beverly Gordon, Selma Bornstein, Ilene Franco, Miriam Winer, Irene Nelson, Selma Cooperman, Marilyn Whitestone, Jeannette Minkowitz, Beatrice Friedman.

Missing: Miriam Brown, Esther Cohen, Sylvia Lepsitz, Sally Israel, Adele Harris.

GRADUATION AT B.I.

Graduation exercises were held in the Auditorium of the Temple Israel Meeting House on May 12, 1948. *Dr. Charles G. Mixter* gave the address. His subject was 'The Nurse, the Surgeon, and the March of Time'. It met with an enthusiastic reception because of its content, its delightful presentation, and because it was Dr. Mixter who gave it.

Mr. Joseph Wiseman, Chairman of the Nursing School Committee, presided. *Dr. Wilinsky* gave a few words of welcome and *Mr. Israel Friedlander*, President of the Beth Israel Hospital Association presented the diplomas. *Miss Gilmore* gave the report of the school. This year three prizes were awarded, two to members of the graduating class and one to a second year student. *William Kaufman* presented the Fanny Kaufman Medal to *Beatrice LeMay*. *Mrs. Joseph Levy* presented the Ernestine Prager Award to *Marilyn Schycon*. *Mrs. Jack Witkin* presented the Claire Sonis Award to *Selma Bornstein*.

Many relatives and friends of students were present as well as hospital personnel, graduates of the school, members of the Board of Trustees and friends of the school.

We thought it was an especially fine graduation and feel great pride in the thirty-seven nurses graduated.

NURSES NOTES

We are delighted to welcome *Evelyn Rosen* to our nursing staff as Supervisor of the Out-Patient Department. We are pleased, too, to have *Hope Sheintop Berezin* back on our staff and to have *Phyllis Byer* with us again after her illness.---*Jacqueline Fishel* has left the 6th floor to go to Baker Memorial as an assistant head nurse. *Catherine Norris*, educational director, is taking a year's leave of absence for study at Columbia University. *Jeannette Kramer* will be educational director and *Mrs. Elizabeth Barrnett*, a graduate of Yale University School of Nursing, will be the science instructor.---It is a pleasure to see familiar faces of young graduates reappearing on the floors. We always have a fond welcome for them.---The nurses on the floors were all pleased with the cards sent from Texas by *Dr. Milton Hamolsky*.---Vacations are now well in progress. Those of us who have had ours come back feeling rested, but slightly envious of the ones still to go.---New marriages are: *Leah Appel* to *Morris Carver; Arline Goldstein* to *Erwin Zimer*; and *Dorothy McCutchens* to *Mr. Adam*.---New babies are: a son for *Shirley Percelay Graubart*, and a daughter for *Sylvia Falk Kamion*.---Capping was held in the Auditorium on July 7 with a reception in the Nurses Home. The students receiving their caps were: *Judith Baker, Catherine Badlato, Jean Connolly, Esther Druker, Constance Gittleman, Gertrude Glickman, Tania Medman*, and *Irene Sable*. The Alice L. Lake award, given by the Nurses Alumnae Association to the student with the highest marks in her preclinical period was received by *Irene Sable*. ---The Student Association has bought two bicycles which are rented both to graduate and student nurses that we may get our exercise.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Volunteer Service, too, offers its congratulations to 'The Record' and wishes to assure the Administration of its fullest cooperation in the endeavor.

We are ready to offer assistance, just call VOLUNTEER SERVICE. There is an able group of volunteers with varied capabilities to help wherever and whenever needed, whether it's in the Out-Patient Department or the Main Hospital. If you are contemplating a special project or just need help, perhaps a VOLUNTEER, carefully, selected, can assist you.

Volunteer Service with its inception in 1928, when our Beth Israel opened its doors, has been an integral part of the hospital and currently has some of its original enrollment serving. Recently a Volunteer Party was held to honor all the enthusiastic members of its corps which includes men, women, college students, teen age boys and girls and business girls.

Recent happenings:--A group of state wide 4H members were guests of the hospital under the sponsorship of Volunteer Service, as part of the 'Teen Tour' program of this organization. Following, there was participation in their discussion, 'Careers for High School Girls'.--A group from Beaver Country Day School was guided through the hospital as part of a science program.--Do you have a group to be guided through the hospital? We have trained volunteers who are excel- 'Cook's Tour' guides.--A lecture, 'The Role of the Volunteer in the Hospital' was presented to a new group of city wide Grey Ladies in training at Red Cross Chapter House.--The Library Service Committee held their spring tea with a musical program at the Nurses Home for the benefit of our Patients' Library.--Among the colleges and schools represented in our special college program are Vassar, Smith, Wellesley, Emmanuel, Boston University, Wheaton, Simmons, New York University, Endicott Jr., Erskine Jr., Mt. Ida, Kathleen Dell, Hickox and Fisher Business.

M.V.C. ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Left to right--front row: S. Steiman, B. Mandelstam, Director of Mens Volunteer Corps, C. F. Wilinsky, Director of Beth Israel, I. Friedlander, President of Beth Israel, R. Rose, R. Davis. Front center: M. Scheinfeld.

Second row: H. Scheinfeld, M. Rosenberg, S. Kaye, G. Saunders, S. Sidd, F. Edenfeld, B. Rubin.

Third row: D. Weiss, D. Kratman, H. Somers, H. Swett, H. Warshaw, R. Reingold.

Fourth row: M. Slovin, A. Snyder, M. Novick, J. Kahn, J. Levin, G. Morrison.

Fifth row: M. Newman, G. Griffman, M. Barron, D. Daniels, P. Katz, H. Williams, M. Alintuck.

The Mens Volunteer Corps of Beth Israel celebrated the sixth anniversary of their founding on June 30, 1948. A buffet dinner was held at the hospital and was followed by congratulatory speeches by Mr. Israel Friedlander, President of the hospital, Dr. Charles F. Wilinsky, Director, and Dr. Benjamin W. Mandelstam, Director of M.V.C.

Upon completion of the festivities at B.I. the group proceeded to Braves Field to see our league leading Boston team play the New York Giants. Much to the delight of the M.V.C. the Braves won the game.

This sixth anniversary party was particularly honored by the presence of Mr. Felix Edenfeld, the only one of the original founders still continuing his duties with the M.V.C. Mr. Edenfeld has contributed more than 2100 hours of work since he started in 1942.

Women's Auxiliary News

REMEMBRANCE FUND

One of the important year round activities is the Remembrance Fund Committee. The Remembrance Fund is another method of fund raising. On many occasions personal gifts do not give the same satisfaction as the rather subtle compliment friends pay when they send a contribution to the Women's Auxiliary for the Remembrance Fund. A contribution of one dollar or more can be sent to the chairmen or to the auxiliary office to observe birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and the like, to bring 'get well' wishes or to pay tribute to a loved one who has passed away. An attractive card is sent to the recipient of the gift or an appropriate card to the family who has suffered a loss. The card states that a contribution has been received from the donors in honor of the special occasion and at the bottom of the card is an explanation that these contributions are given to the Social Service Department for medical relief, to pay for convalescent care and necessary medical appliances. There is always a great demand for crutches, braces, glasses, transportation and convalescent care.

If you wish to remember a friend or loved one on special occasions, do so by a contribution to the Remembrance Fund. Mail or telephone your contributions to one of the chairmen of the Remembrance Fund Committee.

DID YOU KNOW THAT---

$35 pays for:
1 week of Nursing Home Bed Care

$30 pays for:
a complete set of dentures

$15 pays for:
1 week of convalescent care

$15 pays for:
braces

$9 pays for:
bifocal or cataract glasses

THRIFT SHOP

Another year round activity of the Women's Auxiliary is the Thrift Shop, located at 106 Washington Street, Brookline Village. It has been in operation since March 1933. The money raised from the sale of cast-off merchandise donated by members and friends of the auxiliary is used specifically for special nursing care for ward patients. Moreover, sales at the Thrift Shop give the indigent an opportunity to make purchases at greatly reduced prices.

From time to time the Women's Auxiliary Thrift Shop Committee appeals to its members for discarded clothes, shoes, hats, books, glassware, china, bric-a-brac, furniture, children's toys, in fact, any salable article that can be turned into dollars. It is almost incredible that $4,500 has been turned over to the hospital during the last three years.

Please call the Thrift Shop at Lo6-1822 if you have a bundle to be called for or bring your donation to the shop.

Mrs. S. Robert Stone, Supervising Vice-President

Mrs. Edmund Aronson, 30 Clements Road, Newton 58	BIgelow 4-3993
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Mrs. Edward Rose, 400 Beacon Street, Boston 16	KEnmore 6-0029
Mrs. Solomon H. Rubin, 125 Park Street, Brookline 46	BEacon 2-3102
Mrs. John S. Slater, 1258 Beacon Street, Brookline 46	ASpinwall 7-6080

WHAT EVERY MOTHER KNOWS---

You can brighten a child's sad look into a smile with the tinkle of a toy, the flash of bright color, the softness of a stuffed animal, a picturebook or a puzzle, and musical records. These are morale builders of the Children's Hour. Contributions to the Children's Hour Committee will make this possible and special gift acknowledgment cards in honor of a birth or a birthday are sent to the recipient.

Bring happiness to the children in the ward by contacting the chairman of the Children's Hour - Mrs. Robert Leventhal, 14 Rawson Road, Brookline 46. Telephone number is Lo6-6300.

NEW LOCATION

Friends and members of the Women's Auxiliary will be interested to know that the office is now located on the third floor due to changes caused by new construction.

RECREATION FOR OUR NURSES

Tickets for theater, concerts and lectures are always welcomed by the student nurses. Any tickets which you may wish to donate will be gratefully accepted at the Training School Office.

BRING CURRENT MAGAZINES AND BOOKS

Collect them from neighbors, too. Leave them in the B.I. Record Room.